

Serial No.: 10/682,229  
Examiner: G. Goudreau  
Title: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks. Claim 1 has been partially revised. Support for the clarifying revision can be found on page 9, line 12 to page 11, line 1, as well as Figures 2A, 2B, 2C, and page 14, lines 3-12 of the specification. Claims 1-3 and 5-12 remain pending in the application.

### Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

Claims 1-3 and 5-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The rejection asserts the preamble in claim 1 is not commensurate in scope with the body of the claim. Claim 1 has been editorially revised. The preamble of claim 1 is commensurate in scope with the body of the claim. Claims 1-3 and 5-12 therefore overcome the rejection in view of the clarifying revision of claim 1. Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection.

Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's primary attorney-of-record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455-3804.



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